

# PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES FOR SNOWSHOE HARE MANAGEMENT IN MAINE

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**Problem 1:** Lack of information on the accessibility to areas of quality hare habitat and/or high hare densities to consumptive users of hare.

Strategy 1.1: Develop program to redistribute hunting pressure into areas with high hare densities.

Strategy 1.2: Develop a new system to monitor access to quality hare habitat for consumptive use by WMU.

Strategy 1.3: Develop programs to maintain access to quality hare habitat for consumptive use by WMU.

**Problem 2:** Lack of information on hare habitat quality, and habitat-hare relationships on a WMU basis.

Strategy 2.1: Field test and improve existing hare habitat suitability model.

Strategy 2.2: Improve methods of monitoring hare habitat quality.

**Problem 3:** Lack of a habitat development program snowshoe hare.

Strategy 3.1: Develop a habitat development program for use by private land-owners.

Strategy 3.2: Distribute habitat development program through I&E efforts.